(a) whether Central Government have sent any team to review the progress of on-going irrigation projects in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the team has submitted its report;

(d) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(e) the action being taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Clearance of upper Tunga project

992. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared the Upper Tunga Project proposed by the Karnataka Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the Project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The modified project report submitted in February, 1992 envisages annual irrigation to 94,698 hectares at an estimated cost of Rs. 378.87 crores.

Clearance of Upper Bhadra Irrigation Project

993. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal of Upper Bhadra Irrigation Project has been received for clearance from Karnataka Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Inter Linking of Rivers

994. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any memorandum regarding linking of southern rivers; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Suggestions and representation for and against linking of Southern rivers have been received from individuals and State Governments from time to time. The National Water Development Agency has been entrusted with the task of conducting studies and preparing feasibility reports for optimum utilisation of available waters. It has completed preliminary feasibility reports of 9 water transfer links out of 17 such links envisaged for peninsular rivers. Implementation of water transfer links depends on how soon the detailed project reports are prepared and the consensus/agreement among the basin States is reached on the detailed project reports.

Assistance by Central Water Commission for Hydro Power Projects

995. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Water Commission assist the Central Electricity Authority and power generation public sector companies in appraisal of projects for all major and medium hydro-power projects with emphasis on flood and water studies;

(b) if so, the number of such appraisals made in the last two years and being studied at present; and

(c) the names of such projects in Orissas in respect of appraisal has been made and/or at present being studied?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir. All hydro-power projects costing more than Rs. 25 crores are examined by Central Water Commission in so far as hydrological, designs and cost aspects of civil works are concerned.

(b) During the period from 7/90 to 6/92, examination in respect of 30 projects out of 73 projects received from Central Electricity Authority has completed by Central Water Commission.

(c) Balimela Stage-II Project and Bargarh Hydro-Electric Project are in Orissa. Their examination was completed by Central Water Commission and clearance were given to Central Electricity Authority in 8/91 and 4/92 respectively.

Irrigation Projects funded under the World Bank Programme

996. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) which are the minor/medum/major irrigation projects being funded proposed to be funded by the World Bank Programme;

(b) whether the feasibility report of Subaranrekha Irrigation Project in Orissa has been prepared by Water and Power Consultancy Services (India) Limited and is awaiting for final decision at different levels; and

(c) if so, the details of the World Bank assistance and the Central and State contribution in the projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) Statement I and II showing details of minor/medium/major Irrigation Projects being funded/proposed to be funded by the World Bank are enclosed respectively.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The World Bank had sent a Mission in July, 1991 for preappraisal of the Subarnarekha Irrigation Project (Orissa). The World Bank has stipulated action on the following prior to mounting of the Appraisal Mission.

(1) Joint Regulation Committee for (a) Ichha dam and (b) Chandil dam and Galudih barrage should clear the Terms of Reference for the hydrologic simulation studied, and local consultants should be selected to undertake the studies.

(2) Government of Orissa should provide tangible proof of satisfactory implementation of resettlement and rehabilitation plans for families in the seven villages affected by the construction of Jambira reservoir.

(3) Government of Orissa should comply with all actions required for the lifting of suspension of disbursement under the Upper Indravati Power Project (Credit 2278-IN and loan 1536-IN).

(4) Government of Bihar should provide tangible proof of satisfactory implementation of resettlement and rehabilitation plans for families in the first 14 villages affected by the construction of Chandil dam, and have prepared satisfactory plans for the remaining families affected by the construction of Chandil and Ichha dams.

The details of World Bank assistance etc. would be known only after the project is appraised by the World Bank and Credit, Loan and Project agreements are concluded.